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### "Trash Litters Percy Priest Lake's Shorelines"

A recreational jewel in the shadow of Nashville, Percy Priest Lake is a desirable spot for weekend trips on the lake.

This season, however, an execrable trend has begun upsetting those who want enjoy the lake's beauty.

In parts of the extensive shoreline and on the shores of the lake's islands, there's a darker side accentuated by bottles, cans and piles of trash.

When they're not working, Dave and Wendy Waselle can be found at Percy Priest Lake.

Upset at the recent dumping, they showed News 2 the island beaches of filth.

Jim Short runs the Elm Hill Marina. He said the problem has become nauseating and very visible.

To educate visitors, he said the marina recently published a news letter stating that aluminum cans take 200 years to decompose and plastic containers 400 years.

If lake visitors don't change their ways, Waselle said the future of Percy Priest Lake is in jeopardy.

"Instead of swimming in water they will be swimming in trash," he told News 2.

The Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for all 33,000 acres of the lake.

The problem is they only have four or five guys to do everything.

Officials said they have successfully prosecuted violators before and dumping is a federal violation where fines can run as high as \$5,000.

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